(e) and (f) Action under the Acts mentioned at (c) above is taken by the State Government concerned, and a report from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir is being obtained.

Fire safety position in Vigyan Bhavan

*211. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigyan Bhavan building was visited only a few days before the outbreak of fire by the fire authorities; if so, what were their observations;

(b) whether Vigyan Bhavan was declared unsafe from fire point of view and the requisite arrangements were lacking in this regard; and

(c) the names and details of the Government buildings in Delhi which are not safe in case of fire?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) On 13.4.1990, a team of Delhi Fire Service officers visited Vigyan Bhawan and checked the fire protection arrangements in Hall 'G' where a Conference was to held from April, 16. They suggested the provision of portable extinguishers, emergency light, etc

(b) No, Sir. However, in 1987, certain deficiencies in fire prevention and fire safety measures in Vigyan Bhawan, according to revised norms, were brought to the notice of CPWD by Delhi Fire Service.

(c) A list of 79 high-rise buildings belonging to Central Government/ Local Bodies which are not fully safe from fire point of view is enclosed. [*See* Appendix XLIV, Annexure 46]

Steps to check communal riots in the country

*212. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fundamentalists and religious fanatics are creating a vicious atmosphere which may result in communal riots in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the recent riots in Ahmedabad and the potentialities of riots in Uttar Pradesh on the Babri Masjid issue have been taken care of and if so, what steps are proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) There have been some attempts by some fundamentalist and revivalist elements to create communal tensions. The Government is of the view that strict steps should continue to be taken by the State Governments to maintain law and order. The Government is also of the considered opinion that a broad-based national consensus should be built to counter the problem of communalism.

All necessary help and assistance will continue to be provided to the concerned States whenever required. The Government is determined to foil the mischievous designs of the communal and divisive forces.

*213. [*Transferred to 28th May, 1990*]

Plight of J&K migrants

*214. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Hindustan Times, dated 10th April, 1990 about young Kashmiri migrants who have stated that they were jobless and oustees from their homes—all because they belonged to a particular community and had always stood for

a united and strong India but had received no protection, safety or assistance;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the plight of these oustees spread in various States and the steps taken for removing their frustration and grievances; and

(c) whether Government had promised them Rs. 500/- per month and rations and if so, what follow-up action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the migrants from J&K. At Jammu, ration and financial assistance are being provided to the migrants besides community shelter for the needy families. At Delhi, rations and financial assistance to a maximum of Rs. 500/- per family per month and community shelter for needy families are being provided. Action has also been taken to admit students in schools, colleges and polytechnic in Delhi.

New National Highways in Orissa

*215. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have recently submitted any proposals for declaring New National Highways in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHAN): (a) and (b) In March, 90 the following two proposals have been received from the Government of Orissa for inclusion in the National Highway grid viz.

(i) Gopalpur-Khariar-Nawapara-Raipur Road and (length: 388 Kms. in Orissa)

(ii) Panikoili-Keonjhar-Barbil-Koira-Rajamunda Road (Length: 285 Kms).

The cost of upgrading the roads to National Highway standards has not been estimated by the State Government or by the Central Government.

(c) No decision on declaration of new National Highway links during 1990-1991 in Orissa or any other State has been taken by Government pending finalisation of the 8th five year plan.

इलाहाबाद में यमुना बैंक रोड पर नये डाकघर का खोला जाना

*216. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इलाहाबाद के मोहल्ला कृष्ण नगर में यमुना बैंक रोड पर एक नया डाकघर खोले जाने के लिए कोई मांग प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) (क) जी हां।

(ख) प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ।

Interim measures for autonomy of AIR and Doordarshan

*217. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any interim measures are being contemplated to ensure the autonomy in the functioning of All India Radio and Doordarshan pending the adoption of the Prasar Bharati Bill; and